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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE –
EXAMINING GROUP 1648

PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 02558P-001340US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

James Blake *et al.*

Application No.: 09/733,239

Filed: December 8, 2000

For: CYSTEINE THIOL-PROTECTED
PEPTIDES FOR USE IN
IMMUNOASSAYS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 1694

Examiner: Emily M. Le

Art Unit: 1648

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2005 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.